

Horticultural Notes.

Massachusetts Ploughman.]

The Duchess d'Angoulême pear makes a handsome tree on its own roots, but the general testimony is that the quality of the fruit is improved on the quince.

A good, well-flavored, solid strawberry is much more desirable than one that is big, hollow, insipid, and soft. The popular demand for very large berries is foolish.

The man who attempts to raise an orchard of young trees in grass has no right to complain about the depressed conditions of agriculture. He practices depressed methods.

Tree roots always extend as far as the limbs extend, and sometimes farther. That fact shows the folly of confining culture and manure to within a foot or two of the tree trunk.

The enterprising nurseryman who deceives a great many credulous people into buying poor new fruits at high prices, damages fruit culture, and deserves the reprobation of honest men.

Grafting is an old art not sufficiently appreciated. By it any old fruit tree that is healthy but unproductive can be soon changed in its character. Thousands of farmers don't know how to graft, though it is easily learned.

Seventy bushels of poor, 10-cent per bushel apples will make a barrel of apple jelly which the starving manufacturer sells for \$26 or more. But if the farmer should demand more than 10 cents he would be told, probably, that it "couldn't be afforded."

Groaned in Her Coffin.

Reports have reached here of a most sensational case at what is known as the Four Mile neighborhood in Kenton County, says a recent Dalton, Ky., dispatch to the St. Louis Republic.

Mrs. Jacob Korb wife of a well-to-do farmer had been ill several months and on Monday last to all appearances died. There was no sign of decay, nor was there any evidence of life, and preparations for the funeral proceeded.

Wednesday the body was taken to the neighborhood church and after the customary services the pallbearers started with the supposed remains for the grave which was in the church-yard. Before reaching it a groan was heard in the coffin and the terrified men dropped the casket, while excited hands unfastened the lid. The woman's eyes were wide open, and she stared about her as if paralyzed by terror.

The scene among the spectators as Mrs. Korb sat upright in her coffin was an awful one. Women screamed, some fled as from a plague, others fell unconscious. The men scarcely knew what to do, and all stood actionless until the quaking husband himself dragged the woman from the casket and carried her into the church. More intelligent attention was then paid the rescued woman. A physician was sent for and everything possible done. The woman seemed unable to speak, and it was evident that she was unconscious of all that occurred about her. Just before the arrival of the physician, Mrs. Korb, without warning, rose to her feet as if to flee the place, tottered and fell back dead. Another scene of confusion ensued. The physician, who had arrived made a careful examination and declared that she was really dead; that the excitement and terror of the situation had been too much for her weak condition. On his advice the body was replaced in the coffin, and the funeral proceeded, the remains being deposited in the grave. People in that section of the county are said to be much excited, and many do not believe Mrs. Korb should have been buried.

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